

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BETTY LOU KASTEN**, on February 8, 1999  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Delila Croucher, Committee Secretary  
Lorene Thorson, Legislative Branch  
Connie Welsh, OBPP  
Bob Andersen, OBPP

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): Public Testimony  
Executive Action: Operations and Technology  
Division; Child Support  
Enforcement

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

The following individuals testified before the Committee:

Dennette Munro  
**EXHIBIT**(jhh31a01)

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Marie Sutton

**EXHIBIT**(jhh31a02)

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Fred Cobb

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Kate Cholewa

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Sue Holden

**EXHIBIT**(jhh31a03)

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Michelle Lee

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.9 - 16.8}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Present Law Adjustment

Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved that the 1998 BASE BUDGET BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved that PERSONAL SERVICES AND INFLATION/DEFLATION OF THE TOTAL STATEWIDE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.5 - 20.3}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. WATERMAN moved that DP1, CAPS OPS & AUDIT COMPLIANCE BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-1 with Swysgood voting no.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.3 - 21.6}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. WATERMAN moved that DP2, MMIS FM OPS CONTRACT BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Keenan, and Waterman voting aye.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. WATERMAN moved that DP3, ENVIRONMENTAL LAB EQUIPMENT FINANCING AND DP4, ENVIRONMENTAL LAB EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Kasten, and Waterman voting aye.

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Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that DP5, STATE MOTOR POOL VEHICLES BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART moved that DP6, FISCAL PERSONAL SERVICE CHANGES BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-1 with Swysgood voting no.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 2.5}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved that TUMOR REGISTRY BE ADOPTED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE FEDERAL MONEY DISAPPEARS, GENERAL FUND MONEY WILL REVERT BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND. Motion carried unanimously. **EXHIBIT**(jhh31a04)

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#### New Proposals

Motion: SEN. SWYSGOOD moved that ITEM 1, FISCAL STAFF AUDIT COMPLIANCE WITH BE ADOPTED WITH 3 FTE.

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Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. WATERMAN made a substitute motion that DP1, FISCAL STAFF AUDIT COMPLIANCE BE ADOPTED AS REQUESTED. Substitute motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Cobb, and Waterman voting aye.

Second Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. COBB made a second substitute motion that DP1, FISCAL STAFF AUDIT COMPLIANCE BE ADOPTED WITH 5 FTE. Second substitute motion carried 4-2 with Kasten and Swysgood voting no.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.7 - 8.4}*

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that ITEM 2, SEARCHS FM CONTRACT BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Cobb, and Waterman voting aye.

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Discussion on item 3, Legacy System Renovation.

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Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that ITEM 4, ENVIRONMENTAL LAB SEASONAL STAFF BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Cobb, and Waterman voting aye.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that the 1998 BASE BUDGET BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that STATEWIDE PRESENT LAW BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2 - 24.3}*

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that DP2, FUNDING FOR 13 MODIFIED POSITIONS BE ADOPTED WITH FUNDING SHIFT FROM STATE SPECIAL TO TANF FUNDS. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Cobb, and Waterman voting aye.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.3 - 26.7}*

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that DP2 BE ADOPTED WITH 11 MODIFIED POSITIONS INCLUDING A FUNDING SHIFT FROM STATE SPECIAL TO TANF FUNDS. Motion failed 3-3 with Barnhart, Cobb, and Waterman voting aye.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.7 - 27.6}*

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that SEVEN (7) FTE BE ADOPTED WITH TANF MONEY. Motion carried 4-2 with Keenan and Swysgood voting no.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.6 - 29}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEENAN moved that DP4, CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS AND DP5, VEHICLE LEASE REQUESTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

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New Proposals

Motion/Vote: REP. COBB moved that ITEM 1, GENERAL FUND SUBSIDY BE ADOPTED AS ONE TIME ONLY . Motion passed 5-1 with Swysgood voting no.

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Discussion on item 3, Financial Institutional Data Match.

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Mary Ann Wellbank discussed the Child Support Enforcement Divisions Semiannual Report on Performance Targets with the Committee. **EXHIBIT(jhh31a05) EXHIBIT(jhh31a06) EXHIBIT(jhh31a07)**

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3 - 24.8}**

**Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved TO DRAFT A COMMITTEE BILL THAT READS JUST LIKE LC0782.01 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-0 WITH SWYSGOOD BEING ABSENT.**

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Kim Yeagley offered public testimony to the Committee.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

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DELILA CROUCHER, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (jhh31aad)